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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
SUBCOMMISSION MEETING

FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WAS RELEASED TO PRESS ON JANUARY 29.
BEGIN QUOTE:

1. THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION OF THE INDIA-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION HELD ITS FIRST MEETING IN WASHINGTON, JANUARY 27-29, 1975 TO REVIEW WAYS AND MEANS TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS BETWEEN INDIA AND AMERICA. THE DISCUSSIONS NOTED THAT JOINT COLLABORATION IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS COULD MAKE CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BETTER LIFE FOR THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

2. THE MEETINGS WERE CHAIRED BY DR. B.D. NAG CHAUDHURI, VICE CHANCELLOR, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI AND DR.DIXY LEE RAY, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION MET IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 20 AND 21 AND THE SUBCOMMISSION ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE WILL MEET

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IN NEW DELHI ON FEBRUARY 3, 4, AND 5, 1975. THESE

MEETINGS ARE IN PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION, CHAIRED BY SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY A.

KISSINGER, AND THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SHRI Y.B. CHAVAN, TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 13-14, 1975.

3. IN THE DISCUSSIONS, THE SUBCOMMISSION STRESSED THE BROAD RANGE OF EXISTING INDO-U.S. SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND RESERVOIRS OF TALENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN BOTH COUNTRIES. AS AREAS IN WHICH MUTUAL COOPERATION COULD PRODUCE THE MOST EFFECTIVE RESULTS, THE SUBCOMMISSION DECIDED TO FOCUS ON THE BROAD FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, HEALTH, ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE SUBCOMMISSION DECIDED TO PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS: IN AGRICULTURE, ON EFFICIENT USE OF WATER IN ARID LANDS AND INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL; IN HEALTH, ON COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN FERTILITY CONTROL AND COMMUNICABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES; AND IN ENERGY, ON BETTER UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND ON THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY IN RURAL AREAS. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ELECTRONICS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT WERE ALSO AGREED UPON.

4. THE SUBCOMMISSION AGREED TO EXPLORE THESE AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION THROUGH APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AGENCIES AND TO PREPARE CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE MARCH 13-14 MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION. THE SUBCOMMISSION APPOINTED TEAM LEADERS IN EACH BROAD AREA AND CHARGED THEM TO REFINES THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR JOINT ACTION DEVELOPED IN WORKING GROUPS AT THE SUBCOMMISSION MEETING. THESE INCLUDE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, DATA AND RESEARCH REPORTS, VISITS BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS, JOINT OR COMPLEMENTARY RESEARCH, EXCHANGE OF EQUIPMENT AND JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF PROTOTYPES.

5. THE SUBCOMMISSION ALSO AGREED THAT ON-GOING PROGRAMS AND COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF PRIORITIES AGREED UPON BY THE SUBCOMMISSION. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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